

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 17, 2002

The Honorable Tom Daschle
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Trent Lott
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Daschle and Republican Leader Lott:

We write to respectfully ask you to schedule floor consideration and a vote on the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act, S. 2039.

This important legislation was reported by the Senate Commerce Committee on April 18, 2002, by a wide bipartisan margin – 19 to 4. The measure enjoys strong support in the Senate.



We hope that consideration of this legislation is not delayed unnecessarily.

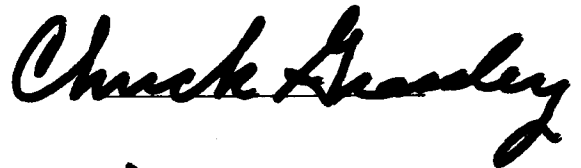
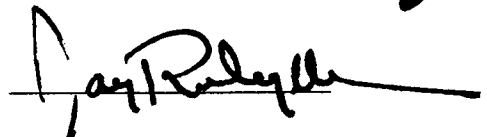
We want to ensure that the federal government does its part to help alleviate the aviation capacity crisis that exists in the Chicago region. Capacity expansion, consistent with S. 2039, is perhaps the most important action Congress and the federal government can take to alleviate systemwide congestion.

S. 2039 brings together business, labor, aviation industry, and community support to help solve a two decades old aviation capacity problem in the Chicago region. It is supported by four former U.S. Secretaries of Transportation, the Governor of Illinois, the Mayor of Chicago, nearly 50 Illinois state legislators, and more than 30 communities in the Chicagoland area.

We look forward to working with you to pass the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act in the very near future.

Sincerely,

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